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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Ms. Shaffer:

The Producer Price Index (PPI) program is currently revising the index for wired telecommunications carriers, which measures the monthly changes in prices received for the provision of residential and business telephone services, to incorporate changes in the North American Industry Classification Systems' industry definition.

In our endeavor to improve this index, we are requesting 2007 data from FCC Form 499-A. In addition to the survey data that is already publicly available, we are requesting the data elements in blocks 3 and 4. This data will be held in the strictest confidence and have the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act's protection from Freedom of Information Act subpoenas.

The data will serve two purposes. First, the data will help us augment industry level revenue data collected as part of the 2007 Economic Census. Second, the revenue for individual companies will allow us to sample proportionate to economic (revenue) size. There will be no direct use of the data in index calculation or PPI publications. Only a minimal number of staff members will have access to the data.

This price index is an aggregate that represents industry-wide data and can be found on our website at www.bls.gov/ppi. No company-specific or region-specific data are disclosed under any circumstances. Prices are provided by PPI survey respondents on a voluntary basis. In addition, we do not disclose our sample sizes in the event that potential respondents could be identified based on their relative sizes.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any further questions regarding this request, please contact Rod Meaney, Industry Analyst, at (202) 691-7695.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David M. Friedman".

DAVID M. FRIEDMAN
Assistant Commissioner
Division of Industrial Prices and Price Indexes